

A. "Our range has been 'silent' since December 4, 1988. Its fate is in the hands of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR and the government, which are, I am convinced, no less concerned than the military to maintain the country's battle readiness and that of its armed forces at the appropriate level. It is for them to decide."

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Unsuccessful Use of a Nuclear Explosion to Quell
Oil and Gas Gusher in 1982 Hushed Up:
Serious Ecological Consequences

On the eve of the new year the correspondents' office on the Northern (Railway) received three letters one after the other from readers on the Krasnoyarsk, Southern Urals and Southwestern (lines). Such unexpected "geography!" But these letters dealt with one and the same subject, which was equally unexpected: what had happened in the Pechora region? The readers had been intrigued by the statement of V. Nosov, People's Deputy of the USSR, at the second Congress of People's Deputies, and especially by these words of his: "For eight years a well at Nar'yan Mar spewed out a liquid that was deadly to all forms of life. Whereas its output in 1980 was 807,000 cubic metres of gas, after the atomic explosion it became 1,740,000 cubic metres. But the culprits got away with promotions rather than being sent to jail."